

REMARKS

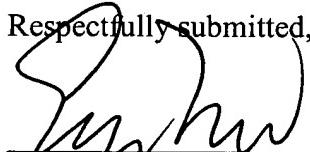
Figures 1-9 were amended to delete the legends as requested. Formal drawings (8 pages) corresponding to these figures are attached.

The specification has been amended to insert a portion of the deleted legend material from the figures into the specification. For instance, a portion of the legend of original Figure 6 was inserted into the paragraph corresponding to page 38, lines 12-22. A portion of the legend of original Figure 7 was inserted into the paragraph corresponding to page 38, line 23 to page 39, line 8. Finally, the legend of original Figure 9 was inserted into page 40, lines 8-15. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added as a result of the above-described amendments.

Prompt consideration and entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner direct any inquiries regarding this communication to the undersigned representative at 312-913-0001.

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AMENDMENT TO THE FIGURES

Please replace original Figures 1-9 with the new formal drawings (8 pages, attached).